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Supplementing the IDS previously filed, and in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and MPEP 609, the Applicant, through its attorneys and representatives, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the two documents noted on the attached Form PTO-1449, a copy of which are enclosed. Each of these documents was previously cited in the ISR and submitted as Documents BB and BG respectively. English translations are thus provided in view of their citation in an Action in the Japanese application corresponding to this application, a copy of which is provided, although no English language translation of the Action is readily available. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits.

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